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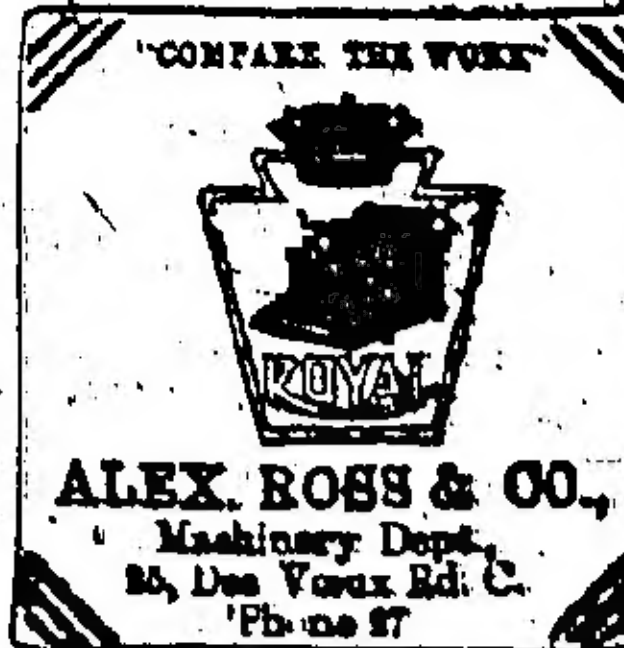
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE EX-GERMAN SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.
The Senate Commerce Committee has favorably reported on the
Jones' Bill which prohibits the sale of ex-German ships except as Congress
shall hereafter decide.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.
In reply to an enquiry from the Senate President Wilson has stated that
he has not entered into any agreement with the officials of Great Britain
concerning the sale of the ex-German ships seized in American ports,
neither has he entered into any agreement respecting the disposition of
these ships by the United States.

The President has also transmitted to the Senate a copy of the proposed
agreement made at Paris between the Allied and Associated Governments
whereunder each is to retain as its own "with complete title to and use of
all ships captured on the seas and detained during the war as a war measure."
The agreement also provides that since the ships to be retained by the
United States, Brazil, China, Cuba and Spain, except their claims for mer-
chant tonnage lost the Commission shall determine a reasonable value for
such excess and those countries shall pay such sums to the Commission for
credit to Germany in making reparation for war losses of merchant ships.

DUBLIN NOW HAS CURFEW.

LONDON, Feb. 21.
The military authorities in Ireland have decreed that after Feb. 23
everybody must remain indoors in the Dublin metropolitan district between
midnight and five in the morning.

AMERICAN FOREIGN TRADE.

"SCRAPPING THE MACHINE."

WASHINGTON, February 20.
Mr. Alexander, Secretary of Commerce, has issued a statement deploring
the action of the Congressional Appropriation Committee in cutting
down the appropriation for the foreign trade service from the \$1,658,000
demanded to \$490,000. He declared it was scrapping the American trade
machine at the very time American manufacturers were encountering an
almost overwhelming handicap in exchange rates and England, Japan and
Germany were redoubling their efforts in the Far East. He asserted that
the Eastern markets would return a thousand-fold for every dollar the Govern-
ment spent. He pointed out that the reduction of the appropriation
meant the abolition of the American Commercial Attaches and a reduction
of members of the American Trade Commission.

PEACE FOUR-PARTIES WITH RUSSIA.

WARSAW, February 21.
The four great powers have agreed to submit to the League of Nations a
reply in a few days and submitted to the League of Nations a
reply will insist on the illegality of all three partitions of Poland and
propose a scheme for carrying the Polish eastern frontier to the Dvina and
Dniester, but the Poles admit the subsequent right of the populations thus
included to self-determination if they repudiate Polish nationality.
Czechoslovakia will not make a separate peace with Russia but will
only act in accord with the Allies.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE MINE.

FIERCE STRUGGLE RAGING.

LONDON, February 21.
A Moscow wireless says the insurgents, supported by Chinese, are
fighting the Japanese on the Amur. The Whites have been reinforced by
Japanese and a fierce struggle is raging.

PEACE WITH TURKEY.

LONDON, February 21.
It is officially reported that the supreme council has resumed discus-
sion of peace with Turkey. Substantial progress has been made, and a
number of important provisional decisions, providing a groundwork for the
treaty have been reached.

ADAMS IS RELEASED.

NEW YORK, February 21.
Mr. Adams, who was kidnapped by Mexican bandits has been released.
There are no details.

OBITUARY.

LORD RUSSELL.

LONDON, February 20.
The death is announced of the well known journalist Lord Russell.

A POLITICAL FOOTBALL.

FATE OF THE PEACE TREATY.

WASHINGTON, February 21.
Senator Hitchcock in a speech in the Senate to-day declared it would
be the Republicans own fault if the Peace Treaty became a football of
politics.
Senator Borah replied that the Treaty was already recognised as an
issue in the coming political campaign.

A BOLSHIEVIK DEFEAT.

WARSAW, February 21.
The Bolsheviki have launched their long-prepared attack in the district
of Polonia, province of Volynia. Fierce day-long fighting resulted in the
capture of the Bolsheviki, despite their numerical superiority.

LEAGUE OF RED CROSS.

THE CHINESE DELEGATE.

GENEVA, Feb. 21.
Doctor Wong, Medical Director of the Chinese Red Cross Society, is
the first delegate to arrive for the forthcoming inaugural meeting of the
General Council of the League of Red Cross Societies.

GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS.

LONDON, February 21.
A telegram from Paris says the Allies have decided not to reply to
the telegram which was received from ex-crown-prince Wilhelm offering to
surrender.
Berlin reports that preparations are proceeding for the trial of the
accused Germans at Leipzig. The court will be composed of seven judges.
Meanwhile the so-called "justice" Commission at Paris which has been
investigating questions thereabout, has selected a number of dossiers con-
taining overwhelming evidence for dispatch to Germany.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SALE OF EX-GERMAN STEAMERS.

WASHINGTON, February 20th.
The Shipping Controller has announced
that an appeal against the injunction
order prohibiting the sale of ex-German
ships will be filed, and he expected that
Mr. Hearst, on whose application the
injunction was granted, will be required
to furnish bonds to protect the Shipping
Board against loss through the ships being
sold, should the final decision of the
Court be against him.

WASHINGTON, February 20th.
Mr. Stevens, ex-Vice-Chairman of the
Shipping Board, giving evidence before
the Senate's Commerce Committee, said
that the value of the thirty ex-German
ships for which the Board received bids
was twice or thrice the amount of the bids
received, namely, 68 to 70 million dollars,
and the bids received for four ships for
transfer to foreign flags were double the
amount of the highest American bids for
three of the vessels and \$300,000 more for
the fourth ship. The foreign bids were
rejected in accordance with the policy of
keeping the ships under the American
flag.

Mr. Stevens added that there was no
reason why the Shipping Board should
not operate the ships to prove or disprove
the frequent claim that the United States
could not compete with other countries
on the seas.

AMERICAN RAILROAD BILL.

WASHINGTON, February 20th.
Representatives of the Railroad Unions
and the Federation of Labour are pre-
paring a letter to President Wilson pro-
testing against the wage provisions in the
pending compromise on the Railroad Bill.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE TREATY.

WASHINGTON, February 19th.
Leaders on both sides of the Senate pro-
ject that the ratification of the Treaty
will drag on while the Railroad and other
pressing bills are passed.
Some Senators predict that the League
of Nations will be the issue at the coming
Presidential election campaign. Mean-
while, they say, informal negotiations for
a compromise will continue.

AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, February 19th.
Farm Organisations, representing thirty
American agricultural societies, is ap-
pointing a Committee to communicate
with foreign societies for the purpose of
arranging at an early date an interna-
tional agricultural conference.

FIELD-MARSHAL LORD ALLENBY.

CAIRO, February 14th.
Field-Marshal Lord Allenby has return-
ed to Cairo.
He had delightful experiences on his
tour in the Soudan.

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, February 21st.
A Havas message says:—
The documents in connection with the
charges against German war offenders
will be completed before March 15th and
delivered to the Leipzig Court.
M. Deschanel yesterday received mem-
bers of the Corps Diplomatique who were
presented by Baron de Mottet.
According to the congratulatory address,
the President said he hoped that diplo-
macy will be able to consolidate the
League of Nations and provide it with
the necessary means of action to straighten
out difficulties and avoid conflicts.
M. Deschanel's first two official visits
have been to the graves of French soldiers
at the Bagneux Cemetery, and to the
wounded at the Val de Grace Hospital.
M. Poincaré has accepted the presidency
of the Reparation Commission. It is
believed that the Commission will hold at
least three sessions a week, commencing
the work of Treaty enforcement without
further delay.

P. & O. BANKING CORPORATION.

Some further particulars of the new
Peninsular and Oriental Banking Cor-
poration are given in a London dis-
patch received in Shanghai. It is
authoritatively announced that the pro-
spectus of the Corporation, of which
Lord Inchcape is Chairman, has been
postponed until April at the request
of the Chancellor of the Exchequer
that new issues should be held over
until the Government bonds are out
of the way. The Peninsular and
Oriental Steam Navigation Company
and also Lloyd's, the London County
and Westminster and the National
Provincial Banks are participating in
the issue with a certain preference in
favour of the stockholders of the first
named company. The bank's head
offices will be in London. It is in-
tended gradually to open business at
the ports where the P. & O. and its
allies operate in the East and Aus-
tralia and elsewhere. The authorized
capital is £5,000,000, £2,000,000
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THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Hon. the Commr. of Police to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,
February 27, 1920, at 11 a.m., at The Central Police Station,
Condemned and Confiscated Goods.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, February 24, 1920.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from J. HYDE, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,
the 27th February, 1920, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 4, Torres Buildings, Kimberly Road, Kowloon,
THE WHOLE OF THE
Valuable Household Furniture, Fittings, &c., &c., therein contained, comprising:—

Teakwood Hall Furniture, Blackwood Tables and Stands, Axminster Hall and Stair Carpets, Drawing Room Suite by Lane, Crawford & Co., Brussels Carpet practically new (about 19 by 15), Blackwood Cabinets, Stands and Table, Pictures, and Engravings, &c., &c., comprising Chinese and white, 5-coloured, Pekinese Blue and Brass Ware, Curtains, &c., Solid Brass Fender and Fire Brasses, Fumed Teak Dining Room Suite with Silver Cabinet in good condition, Electroplate, Sundry Cutlery, Glass and Crockery, &c., &c.

Bed Room Suite (Fumed Teak), Solid Double and Single Bedsteads, Box Mattresses, large and small Wardrobes, Linen Press, Washstands, and Toilet Crockery, Bath Room and Kitchen Utensils, &c., &c.

Also
Upright Piano by Neumann, Hamburg, good tone excellent condition, Singer Treadle Sewing Machine, Lady's Bicycle, large Copper Boiler, Electric Fittings and Fans, Pot Plants, &c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
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Hongkong, February 21, 1920.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,
February 28, 1920, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 6 Observatory Villas, Kowloon,
THE
Valuable Household Furniture, therein contained.

Comprising:—
Hallettland, Blackwood Table and Stands, Arm-chairs and Chesterfield Sofa (Lane Crawford make) good as new, Blackwood Furniture comprising Cabinets, Music Stand, Blackwood Overmantel, &c., &c., Engravings, Water Colours, Oil Paintings, Caricatures, Carpets, Rugs and Curtains, Fumed Teak Sideboard, Extension Dining Table and Chairs, Silver Ware Cabinet, Glass and Crockery Ware, and a quantity of good Electro Plate, Massive Brass Bedstead, handomely carved Cherrywood Bureau, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Camphorwood Chest-of-drawers, &c., Enamelled Baths, American Ice Chest, Sewing Machine, &c., &c.

Also
Electric Fittings and Fans, Piano made for the Climate by Collard & Collard, large American Combination Safe, &c., &c., &c.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, February 18, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,
February 28, 1920, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street,
A QUANTITY OF
SHIP'S STORES AND MEDICAL COMFORTS,

Comprising:—
Tinned Beef, Mutton, Salmon, Milk, Jam, Marmalade, &c., Preserved Vegetables, Peas, Beans, &c., Cocoa, Pickles, Sauces, Extracts of Beef, Mutton, and Chicken, Bangers Food, &c., &c.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, February 18, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

TUESDAY,
March 2, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street,
A FEW Lots of
Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Hemstitched and Plain Double Bed Sheets, Battenberg Bedspreads and Table Covers, Crochet and Drawnwork Doilies.

AND
Two Sallow Valises, Suit Cases, &c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, February 25, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

TUESDAY,
March 2, 1920, commencing at 1.40 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street,
TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTADS, TEAKWOOD TWIN BEDSTADS, CARPETS, &c., &c., comprising:—

Cosierfield Sofa, Arm-chairs (new), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, Tables, and Chairs, Washstands, &c., (Tinned Teakwood), Slideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, &c., Dinner Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Outlets, &c., Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware, Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of Blackwood Furniture, Blackwood Fire Screens, Slide Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, Carpets new and second-hand.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, February 25, 1920.

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Lots may be inspected on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd March, 1920.

Also Sale of old and Surplus Victualling Stores at Kowloon MONDAY, 8th March commencing at 9.30 a.m. and comprising:—
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A ROWING REGATTA will be held at the Club House, North Point, on SATURDAY, 28th instant.

By kind consent of the Admiral Commander in Chief and Officers China Squadron, the Band of H.M.S. "Havens" will play Selections, and Tea will be served on the Lawn during the afternoon.

The Commodore and Committee will be at Home to Members and friends from 2.30 p.m.

In the event of unfavourable weather, Dancing will take place in the Club House during intervals between events.

By Order,
R. E. MACDOUGALL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 19, 1920.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT.

At the Theatre Royal, on

FRIDAY, March 5th, at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT.

WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST between

KEY KERRISON and IRON BUX.

(Champion of the Colony).

Full programmes will be advertised later.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

STRUTHERS AND DIXON, INC.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship

"COLORADO SPRINGS,"

having arrived from San Francisco, via ports, on Feb. 24, 1920, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the

Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk.

Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on March 2, 1920, by the Company's

Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke. All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godown, and cargo undelivered on and after March 9, 1920, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC., Agents.

1st floor, Powell's Building, 12, Des Vaux Road, Central.

Hongkong, February 24, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PILSNA"

From TRIESTE & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd prox. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 1st prox. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., Ltd. Agents.
Hongkong, February 25, 1920.

DEMAND FOR OLD SILVER.

"UNEARNED INCREMENT."

Genuine old silver, at the current range of prices at auction in London, besides being an improving investment, is one that yields a high return in the enjoyment of possession. Not a few of those who are disposing of it fully understand its value as an easy and advantageous means of "unearned increment," but they have no option about realizing it. The diminution of the purchasing power of money has hit recipients of fixed incomes very hard, and to supplement them they are turning over their most cherished possessions, and placing them in the market.

"All that glitters is not gold," and it is not always the showiest pieces of silver that are worth the most money. Certain little marks count for more than elaborate ornamentation or great solidity. The particular marks in question are those which Paul Lamerie, one of the most famous of silversmiths, used to place on his handwork. If anyone lets Paul Lamerie silver go at less than its true value he has not profited by the many reports which have appeared during the past year, of the remarkable prices paid for it.

Instances are, however, frequent where not only silver but books, and especially pictures, are sold at a title of their true value, and the revelation of the latter, if it comes at all, does not come until the goods are resold, and then it is too late. In *The Times* under the heading "5,900 Canton Books," the romance of the Spalding Library was set forth in five paragraphs, which might well be printed in every auction catalogue of books and other antiques. Sales at ludicrously low prices, and resales at enormous profits, by those who understood what they were dealing with, have seldom been more forcibly shown.

It is well, at the beginning of a year which will probably witness heavy realizations of "treasures," to emphasize the importance of securing reliable and independent expert advice before parting with furniture, silver, or jewelry. The owner of property, no matter what it may be, has a right to expect its fair value, and this, of course, is not in the nature of things, the ultimate price it may realize. But it is a great deal more than he is likely to obtain if he merely lets it go to the highest bidder at a local auction, or accepts what a shopkeeper may care to offer him. There are specialists in every branch of antique work, and entrusted with the realization of the articles. At the same time there is no obligation to give them the work to do, if the results of the inquiry point to better prices being obtained elsewhere or at a later date.

At the outset of a year's buying and selling it is desirable to advise vendors to act circumspectly. An old writer says:—"A tradesman must be circumspect when transacting business of particular importance and intricacy," and the like quality cannot be too strongly insisted upon, on the part of owners of possibly rare and valuable objects. It is more necessary in their case, for unlike a dealer, the private owner has no opportunity of retrieving mistakes by later bargains. If he gives a buyer an undue advantage he loses once and for all.

ANTIQUES BY THE HUNDREDWEIGHT. Immense quantities of silver are being dealt with, a good deal of it at low prices where it has no claims of age or artistic merit, but there is also a great turning out of fine old stuff. Fully a hundredweight of grandly wrought antique silver, including small pieces worth hundreds of pounds, was awaiting classification on one table in Mr. Hurcomb's rooms at Piccadilly last week. All the present week he is disposing of silver and jewels at Messrs. Johnson, Dymond and Co.'s rooms, in Great Queen-street, Kingsway. Mr. Hurcomb invariably makes a point in his announcements, such as that which appeared in *The Times* of Saturday, of giving instances of the high prices he has paid for articles, compared with those which had been offered elsewhere.

It must be remembered that the buying of jewelry and plate is a specialized business, and that with thorough expert knowledge, and the certainty of a ready market, confidence is necessarily lacking on the part of those to whom such goods may be offered. No doubt, too, there are dealers who consider it no part of their duty to enlighten an owner as to the true value of what he wants to sell. Mr. Hurcomb has built up a reputation for fair-mindedness, and his business is growing at such a rate that already he is compelled to remove to yet larger premises in Piccadilly. His policy is justifying itself every day, and demonstrating that the strength of a business is in a large turnover, at fair rates to buyer and seller, rather than in paying the lowest possible price to those who have to sell valuable.

—*The Times*.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1920.

THE PICKLE PUBLIC.

A curious, noteworthy thing has happened. During the war, we had inflicted upon us a mass of war literature whose motto appeared to be "plain living and no damned thinking." It had its vogue. When our minds were full of the war, we were willing to read anything, and did. Even the opinions of people who could know nothing about it were precious to us, and we received their outpourings without bricksbats. We did not shoot them because we perceived that they were doing their best. Henri Barbusse was really strong, but in the case of the rest, including "Ish Hay" and a descending mob of literary angels, we soon suffered the inevitable reaction. Some of us, however, reasoned in this way. When it is over, when "Dora" is crumpled and the Censorate cast into outer darkness, when the actors in the great tragedy have had time to rest and revise their impressions, we shall be treated to real war literature. We shall have true interpretations and unforgettable impressions. We shall have a great literature. Writers hitherto untried will emerge, and the reading world will bless them. That seemed a reasonable forecast. That was our confident expectation. We had overlooked important factors. We had forgotten the fickleness of the public, and the sordid cunning of the publishers who have their fingers ever on the pulse of that public. British publishers, we now learn, are refusing to look at "war stuff." The public does not want it, they say, and it would not pay. This is Philistine. This is, if you like, Boettian. But after all we may not blame the publishers. There is as much a trade as Thomas Lepton's. They are more concerned with profits than with prophets. If poetry does not pay, the publisher will not publish. Nor can we who would fain welcome the good stuff thus strangled in the womb blame the mob that prefers its *Daily Mail*, its *Police News*, its *Duchess Novelties*, or whatever the slush is that it does prefer to read. It cannot be expected to know that there is a difference. "Fed up" with the war, it is also "fed up" with all reference to it, much as a man gorged on ripe might turn up his nose at caviare. We cannot have the heart to blame anybody for desiring to dismiss the war from their minds and forget it, though it would be dubious morals to allow them to do so. The time is at

for, as Mr. W. L. George does in a clever novel (probably not a good seller) called "Blind Alley." In the meantime, we sigh for the Stephen Cranes who might have been ours if the publishers, with an eye to their public, had not nipped them before they budded.

ADVERSARIA.

Shanghai Russians are holding political meetings. The comments of the *North China Daily News* are as naive and amusing as usual. That journal's writers seem to be seriously afraid of Bolshevism spreading in China. It is true that ideas are more dangerous than bombs, but good judges opine that the Chinese are immune from Bolshevistic ideas. Let us hope the good judges are good judges, and so be able to sleep at night. The Shanghai paper seems to take pleasure—like the *Fat Boy* in "Pickwick"—in making our flesh creep. Pickwickly, it manages to be very wrong-headed about the Russians in Shanghai.

Not all the Russians in Shanghai are Bolsheviks. Some of them are merely Russians. This seems to be admitted even by our scared contemporary. Some of the Russians have been asking—and really it is a question that must occur to any reasonable man—why the Censur, etc., should carry on with no more authority than that of the monarchic or Tsarist regime, no more permanently dead. Our Shanghai contemporary does not seem aware that Tsardom is dead. It seems to think it sleepeth, or perhaps it believes in a glorious resurrection? Referring to the diplomatic and consular representatives of the Tsar, still carrying on in Shanghai, our contemporary remarks that a considerable part of the Shanghai Russian community is "loyal" to them. In England to-day there are still Jacobites who are "loyal" to the Stuart dynasty. The *N. C. Daily News* is Bourbonistic, rather than Bolshevik. It deprecates the Russian movement towards persuading the Chinese government no longer to recognize the Tsarist officials. One would have thought that to continue recognizing them were the stupid thing.

The paper which so persistently insists that—Shanghai is British—does not seem too devoted to British principles, such as tolerance of opinion. It refers to a promised publication, which it would apparently forbid it could, in this way:

"Beyond these facts there is the very interesting announcement of a paper in Russian and Chinese. Its publication has been delayed, and with the return of certain journalists it is expected to take shape. The objects of such a paper have not been made public, but we are informed that recently the local Russian journal gave vent to sentiments which were pure Bolshevism. At any rate this was how one well-known Russian described them. The question is whether the Chinese part of the journal would not contain similar views. If so, where would the movement lead? ... A Bolshevik organ, printed in Chinese, would be a third (danger)." The reference is to the DANGERS. alleged presence of Chinese in the Red Army, and to the alleged arrest of Bolshevik Chinese agents in the farther north. It said itself that the system, suited to Chinese, which "involved the disappearance of a corrupt officialdom." Why call that a danger? As to the "coolies" who may possibly be working for the Red Army, why call them a danger? They are for hire by anybody. As for the dangerous paper, we should have thought it would be better to let it carry on, and watch it, than to have the underground propaganda in the existence of which our contemporary confessedly believes.

As for those Russians in Shanghai, it would be better plainly to tell them that at present they have no consul or Minister, and that until a Russian Government is established and recognized by the Powers, they cannot have them. Until there is a Russian government, *de jure* and *de facto*, all their meetings can produce nothing but hot air. If they are keen on politics, let them go back to Russia and help to establish a government. Until that is done, the *N. C. Daily News* is as foolish as they are, for trying to divide the Shanghai Russians into "loyal" and otherwise camps. There is nothing in Russia to be loyal to—but only civil war. Always providing, of course, that the Bolsheviks have not won, and established their government. In that case, after a reasonable interval, the Powers must recognize it, and however little it may relish it, the *N. C. Daily News* will have to copy the example of the Powers. In no case is Tsardom again likely, so our contemporary may as well dry its eyes and get on with the world as it finds it.

THE RUSSIANS. The second moiety saw very even play, with the sailors having the best of the exchanges for about ten minutes, after which the soldiers again attacked, but they missed several good opportunities by trying long shots, which the goalies stopped without abnormal effort. During a *melee* in front of the sailors' goal, the ball was kicked against one of the netting and rebounded into a penalty kick. Their centre-forward took this and shot it straight for the goal. The latter just missed catching it, and it rolled between his legs into the net. Undaunted by this piece of bad luck, the sailors played with, if anything, more vigour, and gave the soldiers' defence a hot time, but the latter played remarkably well, and managed to keep their citadel intact. When the soldiers next attacked, they remained in enemy territory despite the strong defence put up, and after several disappointments, their centre-forward found the net. From this point, until about three minutes from the close of the match, the sailors were all over their opponents, but their shooting was not the best, and they either repeatedly sent the ball right into the goalies' hands, or kicked it wide. When there were about three more minutes to go, the sailors were still in enemy territory, and during a *melee* in which they were having the best of the issue, "one of the soldiers' defence handled the ball within the penalty area, but much to the sailors' disappointment, the referee did not award them a penalty kick. When the pressure had been relieved by the ball going over the cross bar, the soldiers attacked, and the sailors' right back in his eagerness to save his side, accidentally charged back as the soldiers' centre-forward was taking a shot at goal. The referee awarded the soldiers another penalty kick. Taking this, the centre-forward again shot it straight at the goalie who was this time more alert and brought about a very creditable save amid much applause from the sailors present. Just then the whistle went for full time, and a second later, the centre-forward who had caught the ball as it rebounded from the goalies' hands, sent it spinning into the net. Of course, this goal was not allowed, and the soldiers retired the winners by three goals to nil.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth \$s. 72d.

Mrs. N. Tutsumi, wife of the manager of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha arrived by the "Tenyo Maru," this morning to join her husband.

The Rev. Crois arrived this morning by the s.s. "Tenyo Maru." He is to relieve the Rev. F. G. B. Hastings as Chaplain to the Naval Dockyard.

Charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with the theft of 5 lbs. of rice from Holt's Godowns, a coolie pleaded "Guilty," and was sentenced to one month hard labour.

The Rt. Rev. Y. P. Oliaz, bishop of Guam was a passenger on the "Tenyo Maru," together with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Malarkey, who are well-known New York residents.

Mr. J. M. Brady, the well known rice representative, together with Mrs. Brady returned by the s.s. "Tenyo Maru." Mr. J. Vincent Braga also arrived by the same vessel.

A servant-girl, aged 13, living at No. 36 Robinson Road has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from opium poisoning. It appears to be a case of attempted suicide. She is expected to recover.

A little "difference of opinion" occurred this morning, between two lusty Chinese dappers, in D'Aguiar street who went at it hammer and tongs with slippers; to the immense delight of a crowd of rag-tag and bobtail who cheered the combatants on with cat calls etc. "The fight was eventually put an end to by a passing adult Chinese."

As the tram conductor at home turned to take a passenger's fare the latter looked in his face and laughed. The conductor seemed puzzled for a moment, and then laughed too, shrugged his shoulders and passed on. "Used to be the captain of my company over there," explained the passenger, a prosperous looking individual, to a friend. God bless my soul, I used to brush his boots."

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club has prepared an interesting programme for its regatta on Saturday. The events comprise—Service race for cutters (three entries), inter-Club fours (three entries), Dragon Boat race, Double Sculls (three entries), mixed double sculls, all comers rowing race, (twelve entries), scratch fours Pair oars (two entries), Dinghy race, and single sculls.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

WILTSHIRES, 3; "AMBROSE" 0.

There was only one United Services League match at the Happy Valley last evening, when the Wilts met and defeated the "Ambrose" 3 to 0.

The game was not very fast at the opening, and the players on either side did not warm up to their task until towards the close of the first half when Evans scored for the Wilts. From this point onwards, the match developed into a very speedy affair with both ends being visited in quick succession.

From the kick-off, the "Ambrose" made a beeline for the soldiers' goal, but they got no further than "Ginger," the Wilts' left half, who tackled well and kicked to midfield. The sailors returned to the attack with "sub-vigour," that it seemed certain a goal would result, but the soldiers' goalie managed to stop the ball. After about ten minutes of defensive work the soldiers made an incursion into enemy territory where Amor had very hard lines in not scoring, he and the ball being forced over the touch line by the sailors' burly right back. After another brief attack by the sailors which resulted in the ball going over the cross bar, the soldiers again took up the offensive and forced no fewer than six corners in quick succession, but in each case one of the defenders kicked the ball away. At the sixth attempt, Amor trapped the ball as it came from the foot of one of the defenders and passed to his left winger who sent in a well timed centre. The sailors' goalie managed to punch the ball away, but Evans got his head to it and shoved it into the net for the soldiers' first goal. Play became more exciting after this, and setting up a fast pace, the sailors made great efforts to equalize, but the soldiers proved to be equal to the situation, and did not allow their opponents to get too near goal. At half time, the soldiers led by one goal to nil.

The second moiety saw very even play, with the sailors having the best of the exchanges for about ten minutes, after which the soldiers again attacked, but they missed several good opportunities by trying long shots, which the goalies stopped without abnormal effort. During a *melee* in front of the sailors' goal, the ball was kicked against one of the netting and rebounded into a penalty kick. Their centre-forward took this and shot it straight for the goal. The latter just missed catching it, and it rolled between his legs into the net. Undaunted by this piece of bad luck, the sailors played with, if anything, more vigour, and gave the soldiers' defence a hot time, but the latter played remarkably well, and managed to keep their citadel intact. When the soldiers next attacked, they remained in enemy territory despite the strong defence put up, and after several disappointments, their centre-forward found the net. From this point, until about three minutes from the close of the match, the sailors were all over their opponents, but their shooting was not the best, and they either repeatedly sent the ball right into the goalies' hands, or kicked it wide. When there were about three more minutes to go, the sailors were still in enemy territory, and during a *melee* in which they were having the best of the issue, "one of the soldiers' defence handled the ball within the penalty area, but much to the sailors' disappointment, the referee did not award them a penalty kick. When the pressure had been relieved by the ball going over the cross bar, the soldiers attacked, and the sailors' right back in his eagerness to save his side, accidentally charged back as the soldiers' centre-forward was taking a shot at goal. The referee awarded the soldiers another penalty kick. Taking this, the centre-forward again shot it straight at the goalie who was this time more alert and brought about a very creditable save amid much applause from the sailors present. Just then the whistle went for full time, and a second later, the centre-forward who had caught the ball as it rebounded from the goalies' hands, sent it spinning into the net. Of course, this goal was not allowed, and the soldiers retired the winners by three goals to nil.

A terrible thing happened in Paris, and of all places in Paris it occurred at the Cafe de la Paix. For three whole minutes conversation was stopped, the waiters were arrested in their stride, and customers who were in the act of drinking held their glasses rigid between the table and their lips. A woman, a Parisienne, nicely dressed, had bought out a pipe, filled it and lit it, and the entire cafe halted, not shocked but astonished. When it was remembered that in 1913 for a man to smoke a pipe on the sacred boulevards was a crime against decency and good taste, it will be seen how Paris has changed during the war, whether for the better or for the worse. It is for pipe and cigarette smokers to decide.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this morning. Those present were—

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.)

The General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General Francis Ventris, C.B.)

The Hon. Colonial Secretary (Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.)

The Hon. Attorney-General (Dr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.)

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer (Mr. R. O. Hutchison.)

The Hon. Director of Public Works (Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.)

The Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E.)

The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.)

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, O.B.E. (Clerk of Councils.)

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Sir, I beg to give notice that I shall put the following question at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, namely—

Will the Government appoint a Committee for the purpose of reporting on the desirability of amending the Public Health and Building Ordinance 1903, by reducing the height of storeys required in domestic buildings and thereby lessening the cost of such buildings?

Three bye-laws made by the Sanitary Board were approved.

NON-FERROUS METAL INDUSTRY.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled an Ordinance to amend the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1919.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read.

The object of the bill is to "correct an obvious drafting error in Ordinance No. 1 of 1919."

BANKING.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled an Ordinance to amend the Banking Business (Prohibited Control) Ordinance, 1919.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read.

The object of the Bill is to "correct an obvious drafting error in Ordinance No. 2 of 1919."

LIQUORS CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled an Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the objects and reasons as set out are—

1. The object of this bill is to provide for the event of no nomination being received for the election of members of the Licensing Board. The bill proposes to give the Governor power to appoint a member in such a case.

2. The bill also proposes to reduce the quorum from five to three, as five seems an inconveniently large quorum for a Board which consists of only seven members.

3. The bill also provides that the elected Justices are to be elected by the unofficial Justices of the Peace.

4. The bill also provides that an acting member may be appointed or elected, as the case may be, if a substantive member is "absent from the Colony." The existing section provides that "if an elected Justice is absent from the Colony for a period of six months, the vacancy shall be filled."

It is not quite clear whether this refers to an intended absence of six months, or whether it means that a substantive member must have been absent for six months before the vacancy can be filled. In the case of appointed members the existing section makes no reference to the period of absence, and it seems advisable to adopt that principle for both classes of members, so that the right to fill the vacancy will arise immediately upon the absence of the substantive member. Probably no steps would be taken to fill the vacancy if the substantive member were leaving the Colony for only a short period.

FINANCE.

H.E. the Governor recommended the following votes which came before the Finance Committee and were approved:—

\$120 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police, Other Charges, Typewriter.

\$150 in aid of the vote Public Works, Establishment, Special Expenditure, Typewriter.

\$400 in aid of the vote Public Works, Establishment, Special Expenditure, Document Presses.

\$150 in aid of the vote Supreme Court, Special Expenditure, Document Presses.

\$9,000 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police, Special Expenditure, New Hall for Steam-Launch "Hape."

\$1,540 in aid of the vote Kowloon Canton Railway, Locomotive, Carriage, and Wagon Expenses, Other Charges, Materials for Repairs and Renewals, Carriages.

\$1,200 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Grants in aid of other Institutions, City Hall.

\$400 in aid of the following votes: Charitable Services, Grant in aid of Charitable Institutions—Alfred Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, \$300;

OUR LOCAL POETS.

SOFT CRAB AND GREEN GOLOSHES.

Can a Kowloon fellow count
All the doorsteps on the Peak?
Can a Peakie learn to mount
Two dead ponies once a week?
No! Such red-haired babies are
Always full of pork and beans,
Coming near, then going far,
Like a full house topped with queens.
Scented strongly in disguise
With odd numbers left behind.
So that Time may prove it flies
On the window and the blind.
Led by dog at end of string
Fish are constellations bright;
Such diseases fondly cling
Like an oil lamp's noisy light.
Round the waist of Kowloon lass
Or a stiff hot glass of grog
In the ring or on the grass
Where surges the furtive frog
Dancing red and blue and white
High above the heaving sea
Like a centaur at night
So black may kitchen-beetles be
Ah! But that is just in front
And bottomless the cage confines
No infant fit to bear the brunt
Of phosphorus on fishing lines.
So may the poet's warmest sigh
A page of Punch or German make
This last confession by and by
The thanks of Parliament forsake.
—BED LAMB.

TO DA. LETICIA.

To my friends, Carola and Minnie,
who perished at the Happy Valley catastrophe, on Feb. 26, 1918.
How sweet is the breeze in the stillness of the night!
It carries the fragrance of flowers in its flight
To the graves of those who repose in unknown height,
Where God reigns, where there is no dawn but light!
Shed not your tears, oh mortal, you have suffered much,
Cease to murmur when the dawn greets the light of day;
Ease your pains when the crepuscular rays will be such
As dew that waters the seared leaves upon the lea!
Weep not, when you remember sweet thoughts of the past,
When the luminance of the moon adorns your breast!
Be brave, be a mortal who could suffer the sorrow vast,
For in heaven, there is a glory that

Mourn not, oh lady, for those who hapless have died,
For those who suffered through dictate of destiny;
They perished in a bitter death, their ashes dried
Are blown throughout the world proclaiming liberty!

I wished I were with them, my sorrows have ended!
With bright hope, with songs my martyred soul fares!
Had I died with them, my soul they would have tended;
My trials ended, my griefs ceased, and no more cares!

—ESANIP.

Hongkong, Feb. 26, 1920.

LUXURY OF LINERS.

Now that the liner companies are replenishing their fleets as the shipyards are able to accommodate their vessels, considerable speculation has been made as to the character of the furnishings. Will they be equal to the splendour of the apartments found in ships built during 1913 and 1914? The subject is discussed in the Annual Review Number of *Shipbuilding and Shipping Record* and a number of illustrations are given showing the elaborate furnishings of passenger ships of the immediate pre-war period. None of the leading companies as yet indicate any desire to return to the big ships of the "Aquitania" and "Olympic" classes, but it is believed that the intermediate class liners now being built will be as comfortable and elaborately furnished as their predecessors. One liner which is being finished this year was to have been decorated at a pre-war cost of £87,000, and the new contract provides for similar decorations costing £180,000. Italy and France are said to be producing some especially lavish ships in the near future.

The Right Reverend Bishop D. Pozzoni returned to the Colony on Tuesday evening from his visit to the New Territories.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy has been curing croup and colds for over forty years and has earned in popularity over 700 years. What better recommendation is required? For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, \$100; total, \$400.

JURORS 1920.

At the conclusion of the Council meeting the jurors for 1920 were considered, in committee.

THE S.S. PILSNA.

AN INTERESTING ARRIVAL.

The s.s. "Pilsna," which left this port yesterday for Shanghai and Japan ports, is quite an interesting vessel, being the latest acquisition of the Lloyd Triestino Line, whose agents here are Messrs. Dodwell & Co. She was built at Trieste, construction work being begun in 1915, but the war made it impossible for her to be completed, and work was delayed until hostilities ended. The "Pilsna" is a well designed ship with two funnels, one for smoke and the other for an air device, while her tonnage is registered as 4,648 tons. Her crew numbers 102, all with six exceptions, being Italians. This is the vessel's first trip to the Far East and her second voyage, her maiden journey being to Australia. The ship is in charge of Captain B. Bednarz. It is very new. No one can help but be struck with the newness of everything aboard. As a matter of fact the vessel is not yet fully fitted out, but all that remains to be done is, in the nature of putting on the finishing touches, the extra "gadgets" and small fittings. The kitchen is fitted with electric ovens and is staffed by Italian cooks who turn out appetizing dishes. The first class accommodation is excellent, a large dining saloon being provided in which are tables laid for four. Undoubtedly one of the chief features of the ship is the splendid piano specially made for the ship, by Schwabacher. The first class cabins are very roomy and are handsomely fitted. The comfort of second class passengers has not been overlooked and though some cabins are fitted with four beds, nothing is cramped. A smoke-room is provided, its panels being pictures on tiles by Wienerberger. The colour scheme is carried out in blue with a charming and restful effect. A pleasant room is reserved for the use of ladies and contains a piano. For youngsters there is a nursery in which they can enjoy their romps without disturbing the more staid folk who find the after tiffin siesta one of the most necessary accompaniments of ocean travel. The "Pilsna" can do 14 knots an hour but her speed generally averages 11 knots. Fresh air is supplied to the saloons by ten mechanical ventilators which do away with the necessity for fans. Her two triple expansion engines develop about 5,000 horsepower. She can carry 7,000 tons of cargo. Her accommodation is for 150 first class and 47 second class gives her visitor a strong desire to travel.

OBITUARY.

MR. R. J. WHITE.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Robt. J. White, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton, which took place at his residence on the Shamen, on Tuesday morning last, after an illness lasting six days. The cause of death was pneumonia following influenza.

The deceased was born in Hongkong in 1888 and served in the Chinese Maritime Customs for upwards of 30 years, attaining the rank of Chief Appraiser, and was due to retire on pension in two years. He was a prominent member of the local masonic fraternity.

The funeral took place at the Marco Forts Cemetery at 5.30 p.m. on the 24th instant, Rev. Kinkle conducting the service. It was largely attended.

Among those who sent wreaths and flowers were:—Devoted and beloved wife, devoted daughter Ada, devoted daughter Trissie, devoted son Robert, Customs Club, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Hansisch, Mr. and J. N. Segerdall, Assistants' Mess; The Examination Staff, C.M. Customs, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Chard, Mr. and Mrs. N. This, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ryden, Mr. and Mrs. E. Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. A. Frahm, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Moreland, Mr. and Mrs. de Silva, Mr. and Mrs. d'Assis, Mr. and Mrs. Cruz, Mr. and Mrs. Tregillus, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bullin, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. W. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carr, Mr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G., Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jamieson, Messrs. A. Martin, T. J. Holland, E. A. Chaudoin, C. F. Jonsson, H. M. Andersson, Chu Sai Ying, H. T. Mousley, A. Huxley, A. Linbird, J. W. Banbury, C. Geiger, Charles Poirar, C. A. Volle, H. S. Kavaram, and Eyles.

Deceased leaves a widow, one married daughter resident in Hongkong, one son and two single daughters.

BEWARE OF COLD.

"HILDREN are much more likely to contract the common colds than when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and consumption are diseases that arise from colds when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities advise parents to keep their children warm and to prevent colds. For the quick cure of colds, see what nothing is better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can be taken at any time, and is pleasant to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers."

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AMERICAN POLITICS.

New York, Feb. 21.
The Republican state convention has unanimously adopted a programme which will be the Republican keynote for the coming presidential campaign. After declaring against all forms of violence and revolutionary agitation the programme favours the immediate ratification of the treaty of peace with declarations making it clear that the United States retains its unconditional rights to withdraw from the League of Nations on proper notice, and that the United States assumes no obligations to send American forces abroad; that the United States shall not be drawn by the operation of Part Thirteen of the treaty into the net spread by international socialism. The programme favours an international conference meeting at stated intervals to consider the rules of international law.

"CONVERSATIONS" WITH SOVIET RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 21.
The Morning Post correspondent at Copenhagen says that on the eve of his departure for England, Mr. O'Grady was informed that the Soviet government was ready to consent to complete demobilisation of the Red Army on condition that the integrity of the frontiers of Soviet Russia were guaranteed by the Entente. Conversations took place between O'Grady and Litvinoff concerning economic conditions to be established in industrial and agricultural enterprises, which will form concessions to be given to entente capitalists. Conversations also took place concerning a possible modification of the Soviet system of government. The Morning Post, in the course of a leader, says it learns on good authority that British officers were murdered along with Kolitchak.

AMERICAN SENATOR WANTS NEW PEACE CONFERENCE.

LONDON, February 21.
A telegram from New York says that Senator France introduced a resolution in the senate to convene a new international conference. It provides for the president sending out invitations to three delegates of all the nations to meet at Washington in November for the purpose of settling worldwide reconstruction problems. The resolution apparently proposes a new peace conference and is seemingly connected with the United States opposition to granting the British dominions separate voting power in the League of Nations and being involved in the protection of other states against aggressors.

TAXIS WILL COST YOU MORE.

LONDON, February 21.
In consequence of demands by owners for higher taxicab fares, the Home Secretary has decided to sanction an all-round increase of fifty per cent. upon prewar taxicab charges from May 1. This decision cancels the war-time initial hiring charge of sixpence.

GERMANY STILL SUSPECT.

COPENHAGEN, February 21.
Litvinoff asserts that Germany is entertaining a plan to involve Poland in war with Soviet Russia, with a view to taking the opportunity to reconquer the lost eastern provinces.

ANOTHER JOURNALISTIC HOLIDAY.

LONDON, February 21.
It has been decided not to publish newspapers in London on the eve of Good Friday.

GUNNER DEAD.

LONDON, February 21.
Stockholm reports the death of Nordenfält, the inventor of a quick-firing gun.

NEWS FROM EGYPT.

LONDON, February 21.
The Times Cairo correspondent says Cockerell resumed his flight to the Cape on Feb. 16.
Sirry Pasha resigned again on Feb. 18. He is retiring from political life.

AN INTREPID EXPLORER.

The brief announcement of the death of Admiral Robert Peary again impresses on the mind that "peace has its heroes no less renowned than war." It also recalls the remarkable controversy between Peary and Cook for the honour of discovering the North Pole. Peary started out on his famous expedition in 1908 and on April 6 1909 reached his goal. He travelled very rapidly covering 150 miles in five days on his journey north. The Pole was located on a deep ice covered ocean there being land in the vicinity. Peary's association with Arctic Exploration dates back for some years. He was associated with Dr. Nansen in traversing the great glacier forming the interior of Greenland. In 1892 and 1895 Peary made journeys over the inland ice of Greenland but was not successful in adding much more to the general information. To Peary also fell the honour of reaching the farthest point north when in 1906 he succeeded in making a point just over 87 deg. Peary's death deprives the world of one of the foremost examples of perseverance, of courage which remained undaunted in the face of difficulty and disappointment.

Issues of the Times to hand indicate that once respectable paper was still continuing the anti-Bolshevik campaign up to the time the mail left. One of its performances was the publication of the translation of a mandate issued in Ekaterinodar by Trotsky when he was commissary for Home Affairs in the spring of 1918. This mandate authorised the Red Army to seize young women for its use. The original document could be inspected. Unfortunately for this story Trotsky was never Home Affairs Commissary, was not at Ekaterinodar at the time mentioned, and the document was just written on paper with nothing to indicate who had written it or why or where. The Nation's comment on this is: "Pigotts thrive in Russia." It might have added that they always have a welcome in the Times.

CRICKET.

Following will play for the Club against the Wiltshires on the Club Ground at 2.15 p.m. next Saturday, 28th. Instant—H.R.B. Hancock (capt), R. A. Brand, A. Burnie, E. W. Day, D. E. Donnelly, A. K. Mackenzie, R. J. R. Mitchell, H. S. Philip, D. Reid, Col. T. A. Robertson and F. Sutton.

K.C.C. v. STAFF AND DEPT.

At Kowloon on Saturday next the 28th inst. at 2.15 p.m.
The following have been selected. J. V. Braga, B. D. Evans, D. M. Goodall, A. de Sousa, K. R. Macas, Kill, A. O. Brown, A. Overy, A. W. Ramsay, W. T. Elson, W. L. Weaser and E. J. Edwards.

A FIRE.

A fire broke out in the untenanted first floor of No. 105, Shanghai Road, last night. The fire was not discovered until 9 o'clock this morning, when the cook of the ground floor saw smoke issuing from the back window and gave the alarm. The fire-fighters were soon on the scene and in a very short space of time the flames were extinguished. The extent of damage done is at present unknown, but all the property on the ground floor was covered by insurance with the Hung On and the Sincere Insurance Companies to the extent of \$2,000 each. What damage was sustained, was due more to water than fire.

DON'T COUGH.

It is hard to allow a cough to last on and sap your vitality when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure you. You don't know where a persistent cough will land you. You can't afford to allow your throat and lungs to become diseased when it is such a simple thing to step into a chemist's shop and get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE FOLLY OF A SAILOR.

Everest F. Ellefson, a Norwegian ship's engineer, the holder of a British certificate, was this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Magistracy with obtaining goods from Messrs. Cassum Ahmed and Co., under false pretences.

The defendant pleaded "guilty", but said he was drunk at the time, and did not know what he was doing. He asked his Worship to give him a chance, and he promised to go straight in future.

Asked as to the circumstances of the case, Inspector Watt said the defendant came here from Shanghai about a month ago, and not being successful in getting a ship here, he became destitute. The Harbour Master put him up at the Sailor's Home until such time as he succeeded in securing a billet. On the 16th inst., the defendant went to the complainant firm and took a quantity of Indian silk and signing his name, gave his address as the Astor House. On the strength of his being a visitor at the Astor House, which as a matter of fact he was not, although he frequented the place and lounged about the bar, the complainants gave him credit. The defendant disposed of the silk to a European for \$15, and spent the money in booze. A few days ago, having run short of money, the defendant again went to the complainant shop and took another quantity. This time he gave his address as the s.s. "Kobrali," explaining that he had left the Astor House. As a matter of fact, the defendant did not belong to that ship.

The defendant: Oh, yes, I was on that ship for over six years and left it only lately in Shanghai.

Continuing, the Inspector said after the defendant had left the shop, the proprietor got suspicious, and communicated with the Police, who made enquiries and had the defendant arrested. The Inspector said all the goods have been recovered, and the European who had bought the first lot of silk from the defendant was willing to return the stuff to the shopkeepers and forego his \$15. Under the circumstances, he did not propose to press the charge. He thought if his Worship discharged the defendant with a caution, it would meet the case, as the only person who is affected, is the European who bought the silk from the defendant, and as he did not wish to take action, the matter ended there.

His Worship: What will become of the defendant?—He will go back to the Sailors' Home where he will remain until he gets a ship. But of course, he will have to behave himself and not go about and get drunk and involve himself in more trouble.

The defendant: Oh, no.
His Worship (to the defendant): You can count yourself lucky. The Police are not pressing the charge or you would have had to go to jail. Under the circumstances, I am going to discharge you with a caution, but you must be careful not to get into trouble again. You must not get drunk, but must go straight until you get a ship, do you understand?—Yes, sir.

All right, you are discharged.
Defendant: Thank you, sir.
The silk was ordered to be returned to the shopkeeper, who was warned to be more careful in future before giving credit to strangers.

FOUGHT FOUR POLICEMEN.

Alexander McIntosh, aged 59, an unemployed ship's officer, living at the Sailors' Home, was charged before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the instance of Inspector Cashman, with (1) being drunk and disorderly in Queen's Road Central last night, and (2) with assaulting a Chinese district watchman with the intent of resisting arrest.

The defendant pleaded "guilty" to the first charge, but said with regard to the other charge, that he was so drunk that he did not know what he was doing.

Inspector Cashman said the defendant was very drunk and rowdy, and when the watchman attempted to take him to the station, he assaulted him. Three *lukong* came on the scene in answer to the watchman's whistle, but even though there were four of them, they could not remove the defendant who fought the four of them. It was not until Serat Wills came on the scene that the defendant was overpowered and removed to the station. The Inspector said the defendant was very drunk, and it was quite possible he did not know what he was doing. He appeared to be repentant this morning. In view of the fact that the defendant was an old man, he did not propose to press the charge.

His Worship: What ship is he on?—He is unemployed at present, your Worship.

The defendant: I have been in China since '82, sir. I have a ship in view, and if you will give me a chance, I will sign on the "Sulan" as Chief Officer, and promise to go straight.

His Worship: It is a very serious offence to assault a constable whether he be European, Indian or Chinese, you know?—I know that sir, but I was so drunk that I was not responsible for my actions.

His Worship: I will let you off this time with a fine \$10, but you must not get drunk in future.—Very good sir.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the Wai Tai Yat Po.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25.
Dr. Alfred Sze, delegate at Paris, announces that Constantinople is to remain Turkish.

200 people attended a farewell dinner to Sir John Jordan, the retiring British ambassador. Sir John said goodbye to the President to-day.

Shensi troops are fighting amongst themselves.

Tientsin and Hankow German settlements are to be "open."

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. KOYO MARU, Capt. M. Otsu, 1,387 tons, arrived yesterday at 4 p.m. from Singapore.
The s.s. MITSUBISHI, Capt. T. A. Morgan, 2,885 tons, arrived yesterday from Moji.
The s.s. EASTERN, Capt. G. L. Smith, 2,178 tons, arrived yesterday from Moji with 205 tons of general cargo and 30,000 lbs. of coal.
The s.s. TIKINGI, Capt. J. R. Perez, 2,688 tons, arrived this morning from Amoy with 2,505 tons of coal.

Repulse Bay Hotel is fully booked for the night of Saturday, the 28th instant, both in regard to dancing and dining accommodation. No tea dansant will be held on the same day. Evidently this place fills the long-felt want.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st October, 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of March, 1920, to MONDAY, the 8th day of March, 1920 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Hongkong, February 25, 1920.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the services of Messrs. Wong Fook Loy, Sin Chuen Kam and Chan Hoi Pui with this Company have terminated on the 30th day of the 15th Moon of the 33rd Year (the 19th February, 1920) and those whom it may concern are requested to take note hereof.

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S.S. "VICTORIA"

The above Steamer will be despatched for MANILA, SANDAKAN, and AUSTRALIAN PORTS on or about March 3rd.
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GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 24, 1920.

TOTO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "TENYO MARU," From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived Thursday, February 25, 1920, consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignee's risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Thursday, March 4, 1920.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined, on Thursday, March 4, at 11 A.M.

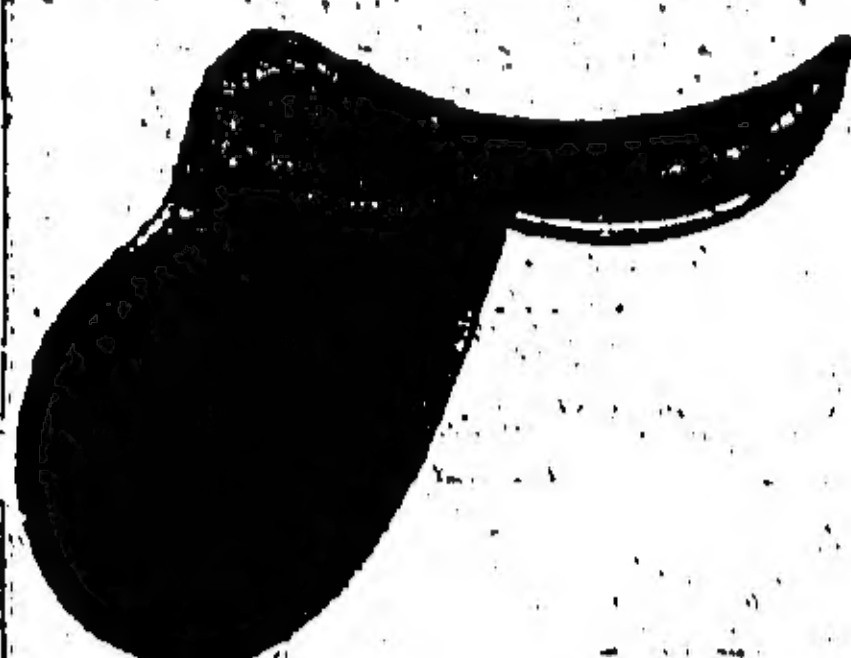
No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the steamer or Godown and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
T. DAIGO, Manager.
Hongkong, February 24, 1920.

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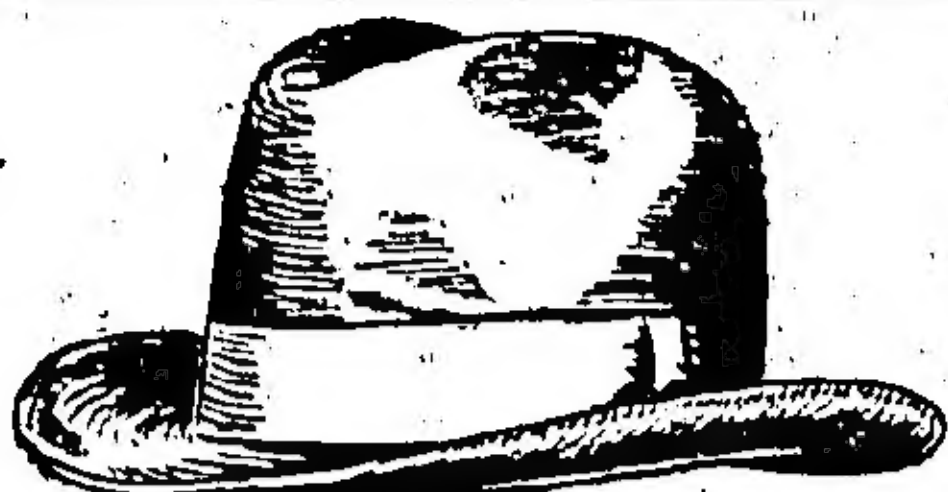
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MAJOR'S SUICIDE.

FRENCH GIRL'S EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

In the Westminster Coroner's Court in December last, before Mr. Ingleby Oddie, an inquest was held on the body of Major Sydney Douglas Stewart, 49, formerly of the 21st Middlesex Regiment, and formerly Town Major of Arras, who died in the Millbank Military Hospital from a gunshot wound. The Coroner, who was sitting without a jury, returned a verdict of "Suicide while of an unsound mind."

Mrs. Edith Mary Elizabeth Stewart identified the body as that of her husband. He had been in the Dublin Fusiliers, but left that regiment many years ago. Since then he had been mining in Africa, but rejoined the Army when the war broke out. She lived at Godalming and Major Stewart was stationed at Willey. He went to the front in 1916, and the marriage took place when he returned in 1917. Up to the time of the marriage he had not been injured in the war. After the marriage Major Stewart went to France again. While he was there he had a very bad time. The Germans broke through, and he was for a fortnight without sleep. "He has never been the same since," added the witness. "He has been morose, depressed, and would sit for hours and stare at nothing. Continuing she said that Major Stewart came home about a fortnight before after being demobilised. They lived together for a day or two at a house at Colville-terrace. He slept at home for a night or two, but on Sunday, November 23, he went away.

"AN INTERLUDE."

The coroner: What reason did he give for leaving?—He just said he was going.
What was the real reason?—I think he was going to a French girl.
What do you know about her?
Mrs. Stewart replied that her husband met the girl at Arras. She knew her as Jeanne and had seen her in France. Mrs. Stewart added: "He told me that he had been living with her for a little while but that it was just an interlude, and that she had gone away, and that was finished. When he came home he told me that she was in London, and so, of course I found out it was not finished. He said that before he came over he had told the girl to go, but that she had come over with him after all."
The coroner: Did he make out that he wanted to get rid of her?—He told me he had told her to go, but evidently she would not. I told him that if he gave up the girl he would let bygones be bygones and start again. He said that was what he would like to do, but apparently it did not come off.
How do you know?—He told me he had been with her again. Last Wednesday I met him in the street and he told me he was living with her.

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and said, "What is the matter, Stewart?" And he said: "Jeanne does not understand that if I speak to a girl it does not necessarily mean something wrong." Major Stewart was the worse for drink.

Questioned as to whether the girl Jeanne told him anything, the witness said that she told him that after he left them on the Friday night they got into the Tube to go to Notting-hill-gate.

The Coroner: What became of the unknown woman?—She left at the same time as I did. The witness added that Jeanne told him they went into the Tube together, but at one of the intermediate stations the Major must have got out.

Was there any intermediate station?—Well, she found he was not there. She was very hysterical and very anxious about him. She tried to find him, and then telephoned to the house. That would be about 10.30 p.m. He came to the telephone and reproached her for not believing that he loved her. He said that she was the only woman in the world that he loved, and he was now going to take his life. She implored him not to do so, and said she was coming along at once. She entered a taxi, came to the place, and found that the Major had shot himself. The witness said that Major Stewart was a rather pleasant sort of man. He said that he was interested in farming in Rhodesia and intended to return to it.

Jeanne Pignon, the French girl mentioned, who could not speak English very well, said: "I came from Arras, where I was a clerk. I will be 25 years of age next January."

The Coroner: When did you first meet Major Stewart?—March or April of this year in Arras.

Did you know he was married?—Yes.

Did you ever see his wife?—Yes. I have seen his wife in Calais. He went to dinner with her in one hotel and came back to sleep with me in another, and she was vexed. He said if I went away he would kill himself. He asked me to go to London with him, and got a passport for me, and wanted to take me to Africa.

Where did you live when you first came to London?—For the first two days in the Golden Cross Hotel. That was Saturday three weeks ago. We stayed there two days. Afterwards we had one room in St. John's Wood. For five days I stayed by myself and he slept at a club near Victoria. Then we arranged for one room in Kensington Park-road. The War Office telephoned to me to come to the War Office to see his wife. He stayed away from his wife for a few days, and came and said he would stay with me. He said that he would ask my wife for a divorce and would marry me. We lived in Kensington Park-road. On Friday he had lunch with me. I arranged for another room in Kensington Park-road. At four o'clock we had tea in the Strand Coroner's House. He said, added the witness, "Jeanne, I leave you at 6.15, because I have an appointment for dinner with Monsieur Jackson." He said, "I go with you." He said, "No, I will come home at 10.30. You go home."

The Coroner: You did not believe in Mr. Jackson?—No.

The witness, continuing, said: "At 6.35 we went to the Trocadero, and he had three or four whiskies. I waited outside. We went to the Critterion, and I saw a lady call and talk to him. I did not understand what she said. I said, 'Madam, I am sorry. I am Mrs. Stewart. If you go with my husband I go with you.' She said, 'I am sorry, I don't know.' While speaking to the lady the captain arrived and asked what it was all about, and I said, 'I don't know.' I said to the Major, 'Come home with me.' We went to Piccadilly Station, and he asked for two tickets. When I got to Oxford-circus I did not see the Major. We took tickets to Notting-hill-gate. I spoke to the gatekeeper, who told me that the Major had got out at Piccadilly. I went back there and waited for the Trocadero, then to the Monica and Frascatti's, and it was nine o'clock when I went to the Regent Palace Hotel.

A FAREWELL LETTER.
The witness stated that she had dinner at the Regent Palace Hotel and then telephoned to Kensington Park-road. She spoke to the Major, and she heard him at the telephone crying. He said, "You don't understand. I want to kill myself." She replied to that, "I come home, quick." The Major replied, "You will be too late." The witness then went home in a taxicab, and found that Major Stewart had shot himself. The Major appeared to have plenty

JAM FOR THE POWDER.

RECTOR'S PLAN TO BRIGHTEN HIS PARISH MAGAZINE.

Are parish magazines dull? The Rev. Percival Howard, rector of St. Michael's, Litchfield, who served at the front as a chaplain, not only considers that they are, but he is making a bold attempt to brighten the parish magazine for which he is responsible. Writing in last month's issue, he says:

"We are not altogether satisfied with the parish magazine—we mean the local portion, which at times is very dull and uninteresting. We have got into a rut of respectability and parsonic platitudes, which does not lend itself to much originality."

"What is wanted is a bright young sub-editor, with curly hair, who could put some new blood into the old body. Of course, we shall still have to publish statistics and figures which deal with the weighty matters of the parish, but we hope to cover the powder with plenty of jam."

"Items of sporting interest may occasionally find their way into our columns, but racing tips will be prohibited; they are too unreliable."
Discussing the matter, Mr. Howard said the time had come when parish magazines should be made far more attractive, "and so far as I am concerned," he said, "I am anxious to get a move on and come out of the rut of respectability. I intend to have a lighter side in my magazine every month dealing with topical events." The war, he added, had had its influence on his outlook on religious matters.

"I take a much broader view of things than ever I did before. I do feel that the Church to-day has got a great opportunity. Men who have come back from the war don't want sloppy religion. They do want sound religion, but it must be put in a form that will appeal to them. The whole Church wants broadening, and our services want brightening."

of money, and had told her within the last few days that he had some money "from the bookmaker for the racing horse." He had once before threatened to kill himself. This was at Rouen.

Did you make scenes with him about another woman?—I saw him speak to one woman at Rouen. He was very sorry afterwards, and it was all right. He threatened to kill himself then.

The Coroner: What sort of a scene did you make? Did you kick or scratch him?—The witness: "I don't know scratch."

The witness said: No, I never box him. I cry only. When he saw me cry he cried too, and then it was finished. She also said: "We were very happy together. He very much loved me and I very much loved him." She then handed to the Coroner a paper which, she said, the Major gave to her at the beginning of October, saying to her, after the quarrel about the other woman, that if anything happened to him it would be useful. The Coroner, smelling the document, observed that the witness evidently had some very powerful scent.

The witness: Ah, yes; in my bag. The document, which was not dated, read as follows:—"I leave everything of which I am possessed, or coming to me, to Miss Jeanne Pignon."

Mrs. Carver, manageress of the boarding-house in Kensington Park-road, said that on Friday night Major Stewart returned home between 10.30 and 11 o'clock. He went down to answer the telephone and then returned to his room. She then heard a report. She did not go into the room herself, but went for assistance.

"YOU WILL BE TOO LATE."
The Coroner remarked that it was rather unusual for a person who said he was going to commit suicide to do so. Major Stewart had left a note written in French. It was addressed "Jeanne, my darling," and read: "These are the last words I shall write to you in my life. I have always been faithful to you, without any exception. You would never believe me, but preferred to listen to the talk of others. I wished to dine this evening with a respectable young lady, but you would not believe me. I hope, my darling, that the next one will be as faithful to you as I have been. Good-bye, my darling. Trust and believe the next man.—Your broken-hearted Sydney."
There was no doubt, said the Coroner, that Major Stewart was worried owing to his living a double life. A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was recorded.

CONSCRIPTION IN MALAYA.

Singapore had a large public meeting to protest against the new Defence Force Bill. It was followed by this letter in the Straits Times:

The large attendance at the meeting on Friday evening to consider the Defence Force Bill, the tone of the speeches and the rejection of a very mild and guarded resolution submitted by the Straits Settlements Association in support of the measure, is surely evidence that European Britishers in Singapore are not trusting the Straits Government.

But for the apathy hitherto evinced by Singapore people the Government would not have dared to bring in a bill to conscript European British citizens in time of peace and make them amenable to military law.

Without the sanction of the Imperial Parliament (as was pointed out last night by more than one speaker), the bill is ultra vires, it is diametrically opposed to the present temper of the British people as expressed by recent acts of the Imperial Parliament, and a clear infringement of the rights of European British subjects in Singapore.

If this meeting had not been held, it is certain the bill would have been rushed through Council at express speed, and the Secretary of State informed that it was enacted at the "express desire of Singapore European subjects."

A large proportion of men present last night were newcomers, or returned Straits men who have served at the front. They have been demobilised, gone to Great Britain, have seen conscription abolished by the deliberation of the British people and Parliament. They come out here and find a local Government anxious to conscript them again. They won't have it, and they are right.

It must always be remembered that the public are not represented on the Legislative Council. The Unofficial members are nominated by the Head of the Government, and they do not forget it.

"It was their clear duty to have opposed this bill tooth and nail, as entirely unconstitutional and opposed to the policy of the Home Government."

The debate on its first reading was entirely shallow, superficial, and unconvincing, evidencing the usual theatrical dressing-up and previous rehearsal at Government House.

If the Unofficial members would read the debates in council 25 to 30 years ago, and compare the doings of Unofficial members then, and now, they would have reason to feel considerable humiliation. Speaking mildly, Unofficial members to-day are not regarded as either independent or courageous; and that is exactly the difference between "then and now."

Everybody is asking what is the next step?

Putting aside the question of external attack, because everybody knows that all the garrison of Singapore could not hold the place 24 hours in the absence of the British fleet—the more practical question is that of internal defence.

Discontent in Straits Settlements is rampant and growing. Masses of the people have been exasperated by the food control muddle, and dear food always has, and always will, bring trouble in its train.

Then again the public and especially the poorer classes, are daily exasperated at the impossibility of getting small change. Somebody may smile, but this nuisance is bringing considerable odium upon the Government, and if not remedied, will work mischief.

It is absolutely necessary that all Europeans should join a Volunteer Force without delay. The resolution brought forward by Mr. Hill, and adopted by the meeting is excellent, and I believe that a Volunteer Force on such lines would give better results than any conscript bill founded on illegality and submitted to (if at all) with manifest ill-will.

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